

Remarks

Reconsideration and allowance of the instant application is respectfully requested in view of the remarks below.


Claims 1-4 are rejected as anticipated by Kurauchi. Claim 5 is rejected as obvious in view of Kurauchi. Applicant respectfully disagrees in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Independent claim 1 has been amended to recite "*individual layers of said film having been bonded together by heat greater than 145°C.*" Support for this amendment is found in the specification at page 9, lines 15-16.

Kurauchi teaches, at column 7, lines 5-7, "The nip rolls are preferably heated to 120°-140°C., more preferably to 125°-135°C." Kurauchi further teaches, at column 7, lines 11-13, "If the heating temperature is too high, the polyethylene film melts to decrease the birefringence and elastic recovery." Accordingly, Kurauchi clearly warns the skilled man that temperatures above 140°C must be avoided. Therefore, Kurauchi teaches away from the claimed invention. MPEP §2145XD3, last paragraph citing *US v. Adams*, 148 USPQ 479,484 (S. Ct., 1966).

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests an early Notice of Allowance in this application.

Respectfully submitted,


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